THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Railway Minister has clarified that he has made no such statement.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

विदेशी मुद्रा बचाने के लिए केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों के विदेश दौरों को रद्द किया जाना

2460. श्री बेकल उत्साही :
डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों के नाम क्या हैं जिनके विदेशी दौरों को सरकारी व्यय में कटौती करने के उद्देश्य से रद्द कर दिया गया और इसके परिणाम स्वरूप कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा बचाई गई है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Meeting of UN General Assembly Ad-hoc Committee Regarding Indian Ocean

2461. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of U.N. General Assembly's ad-hoc Commitee on the Indian Ocean has been held during July, 1990;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held during the above meeting;

(c) whether Government have persuaded that the Indian Ocean may be allowed to remain as a zone of peace and cooperation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have apprised other member countries of this ad-hoc committee of U.N. General Assembly of our stand; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean met in New York from July 2nd to 13th, 1990. The meating discussed both organisational and substantive matters related to the holding of a Conference on the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

(c) to (f) As in previous years there were differences of opinion on some of the issues among members of the Ad Hoc Committee. Attempts were made by some countries to dilute and distort the 1971 UN Declaration by calling for a regional Conference. Indian delegation firmly pointed out that a Conference on the Indian Ocean to implement the 1971 UN Declaration should discuss Great Power military presence in the Indian Ocean conceivxed in the dontext of Great Power rivalry. If such a Conference is to be a meaningful one, it should be attended by all Creat Powers, the major maritime users as well as the Littoral and Hinderland States of the Indian Ocean. We have made our views clear to the Committee as well as bilaterally to some of the members of the Committee.

Smuggling of Girls to Pakistan

2462. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Girls from India sold in Pak' as reported in the Indian Express dated the 20th June, 1990;

(b) if so, whether the smuggling of girls from India to Pakistan is rapidly increasing and a large number of agents are functioning in various parts of the country;